



## **H.Res. 208 - Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th Anniversary year of its founding**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 208 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Thelma Drake (R-VA) on March 1, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Services, considered under suspension of the rules and passed by unanimous consent.

The bill is expected to be considered on the floor on July 16, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Res. 208 honors Operation Smile on its 25th Anniversary year as its volunteer medical professionals continue their noble work to travel around the world to treat children suffering from facial deformities.

### **Background**

Operation Smile was started in 1982 by Dr. William Magee Jr. and his wife Kathleen S. Magee to address children's cleft lips and cleft palates and headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia.

Since 1982, Operation Smile's volunteers have provided free reconstructive surgery to more than 100,000 children and young adults with facial deformities in 25 countries. Currently, Operation Smile operates in Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gaza Strip/West Bank, Honduras, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

Operation Smile also provides a network of resources to assist families in the United States with children born with facial deformities. There are more than 450 Operation Smile Student Associations in the United States and around the world. These groups build awareness, raise funds, and educate students about values of commitment, leadership, and volunteerism.

### **Cost**

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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